

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 2-8, 10-14, 23-29, 31-35 and 43-54 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement:

A partially initialed Form PTO-1449 was returned with the April 6, 2004 Office Action. Cited references JP 60-7128 and “Low Cost ± 2 g/ ± 10 g Dual Axis iMEMS® Accelerometers with Digital Output” were not initialed on the returned Form PTO-1449. Applicant thus requests correction thereof. For the Examiner’s convenience, Applicant has submitted herewith a copy of the returned Form PTO-1449 as well as additional copies of cited references JP 60-7128 and “Low Cost....”. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner fully initial the Form PTO-1449 as an indication that all cited references have been considered and then return the fully initialed Form PTO-1449.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 7-8, 28-29 and 43-44 are allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 2-6, 10-14, 23-27, 31-35 and 45-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by Chiang Shiung-Fei (U.S. ‘376, hereinafter “Fei”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

For a reference to anticipate a claim, each element must be found, either expressly or under principles of inherency, in the reference. For example, Fei fails to disclose or even suggest a character control program which moves a character within displayed game space at a movement speed related to at least one of an amount and a direction of a tilt (claims 2 and 23), a movement (claims 3 and 24) or an impact (claims 4 and 25) applied to a housing held by a player so that the character changes position relative to the displayed game space.

Fei discloses a game 10 having a gun 14 which may be moved along a first arc indicated by arrows 42a and 42b and along a second arc indicated by arrows 44a and 44b. A liquid crystal display 50 is mounted on the gun 14. The object of the game is to position a housing 30 of the gun 14 so that images 60a-60d (tanks) move close to the firing zone 76. The game player may destroy an image 60a-60d if the gun's trigger 40 is depressed when that image is close to the firing zone 76. A displayed image 60a-60d may be moved close to the firing zone 76 by moving the display 50 in the direction indicated by arrows 42a-42b or 44a-44b so as to superimpose the displayed image close to the firing zone 76.

Page 3 of Office Action states, *inter alia*, "As presented the display perspective of Fei is altered based on the user's tilting of the game housing (Figures 3 & 4). This change of perspective also referred to by Fei as scrolling in figure nine is understood as responsive to the direction of tilting (resulting in a specific direction of scrolling) and an amount of tilting wherein said amount tilting

is understood as a positive amount or alternatively zero.” The Office Action thus merely alleges that what is changed as a result of the housing movement is the change of perspective or change of view. The entire display is thus moved as a result of moving housing 30.

In marked contrast, the present invention is directed toward moving a character within the displayed game space, rather than changing the perspective view of the entire game space. In particular, the present invention is directed toward moving a character within the displayed game space so that it changes its position within the displayed game space based on an amount and/or direction of tilt (claims 2 and 23), movement (claims 3 and 24) or impact (claims 4 and 25) applied to a housing held by a player. Fei’s change in perspective view of the entire game space fails to disclose these claimed features. Fei’s teaching of “moving the display 50” (see col. 5, lines 36-37 and abstract) does not disclose moving a character within a displayed game space so that it changes position relative to the displayed game space.

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Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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